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E. O. 11652: N/ A

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SUBJECT: EC MEDITERRANEAN POLICY: ITALIAN SUBMISSION ON
AGRICULTURAL CONCESSIONS

REF: ROME 3501

1. THE MISSION HAS LEARNED FROM SEVERAL SOURCES THAT ITALIAN
AGRICULTURE MINISTER NATALI IS EXPECTED TO SUBMIT A MEMORANDUM
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2. WE ARE TOLD THAT THE ITALIAN POSITION TO BE PRESENTED BY NATALI WAS PUT IN FINAL FORM DURING MEETINGS IN ROME OVER THE PAST WEEKEND. NEITHER OUR COMMISSION OR NON- ITALIAN PERM REP SOURCES APPEAR TO HAVE ANY DETAILS REGARDING THE ITALIAN POSITION WHICH HAS EMERGED FROM THESE MEETINGS. THE ITALIAN DELEGATION HAS CONFIRMED THAT A DECISION HAS BEEN MADE BUT CLAIM TO STILL BE IN THE DARK THEMSELVES ON THE CONTENTS OF THE PAPER BEING PREPARED.

3. ALTHOUGH NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE, THERE APPEARS TO BE SOME POSSIBILITY THAT THE ITALIAN PAPER WILL BE SUBMITTED SIMULTANEOUSLY TO THE EC AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS AND THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS WHO WILL BE MEETING CONCURRENTLY IN BRUSSELS. IT IS EXPECTED THAT FOLLOWING A PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION BY THE COUNCIL THE PAPER WILL BE REFERRED TO THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES FOR DETAILED STUDY.

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